

75 123. (Amended) The apparatus of claims 1, ^{9 32 33 35}~~17, 80, 81~~ or ~~83~~, wherein said support comprises a conductive layer and said conductive [metallic layer] provides said electrode.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of this application are respectfully requested.

By this Amendment, claims 121 and 123 have been amended to further define the invention. No new matter has been added.

No additional fee is believed necessary for entry and consideration of this amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees for consideration of this Amendment and entry of the claims herewith, or credit any overpayment in such fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0297.

Applicants would like to thank Examiner Ponnaluri and Examiner Achutamurthy for the courtesies extended to the undersigned and two of the inventors, Dr. Wilbur and Dr. Sigal, during the interview on March 25, 1999. As requested by the Examiner, Applicants are forwarding: (a) copies of the diagrams discussed during the interview and (b) a list of the pending related applications. A chart setting forth the support for the amendments was provided to the Examiner during the interview.

Applicants submit that the instant application is in condition for allowance, the early notification of which is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge the Information Disclosure Statements submitted February 19, 1999 and May 27, 1998 and return an initialed copy of the forms PTO-1449 ("List of References Cited by Applicant") to Applicants' attorneys.